

1 **REMARKS**

2 The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and Allowance of Claims 1, 3-6,8-
3 13 and 15-17 and consideration and allowance of new independent claims 18-20 in view of the
4 amendments presented above and the following arguments.

5 **35 U.S.C. §102 REJECTIONS**

6 Claims 1, 2 , 4-7, 9-14 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated
7 by Fujiwara et al. U.S. Patent 4,682,877.

8 **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

9 Claims 2, 7 and 14 have been canceled.

10 New independent claims 18, 19 and 20 have been added.

11 Claims 1, 3-6, 8-13, and 15-20 remain pending in this case.

12 Independent Claims 1, 6 and 13 have been amended to add the limitations that
13 Applicants' orientation indicator further comprises a platen icon representation of one of a
14 plurality of locations for placing a document, the platen icon representation showing the
15 document on one of the locations and oriented so as to ensure proper copying. These
16 amendments represent clarifications and do add further limitations to the respective claims.

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18 **CLAIMS 1, 6, 11 AND 13 ARE NOT TAUGHT OR SUGGESTED BY THE CITED ART**

19 The Examiner rejected independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)
20 as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,682,877 to Fujiwara et al. (Fujiwara). Applicants respectfully
21 traverse this rejection on the ground that Fujiwara, whether alone or in combination, does not
22 describe or suggest Applicants' invention as now claimed.

1 **THE FUJIWARA ET AL. PATENT**

2 The Fujiwara patent discloses a copying apparatus with an original document size
3 detector for detecting the size of an original document placed on a document platform. In the
4 case where the original document or the copy paper is placed in a manner that would exceed
5 the image to be copied, an indicator 18 “ indicates” for the user to change the direction of
6 placement of the original document. (See Abstract and Column 4, lines 24-31). As fully
7 illustrated unambiguously in Figure 4, the Fujiwara indicator 18 consists of a pair of rectangles,
8 one on its side and one upright. These represent the totality of the Fujiwara indicator system
9 for advising the user that the document he is copying will not fit on the copy unless the
10 orientation of the original is changed.

11 Nothing in Fujiwara teaches a platen icon representation of one of a plurality of locations
12 for placing a document, the platen icon representation showing the document on one of the
13 locations and oriented so as to ensure proper copying. (See for example, page 3, lines 31-32
14 and page 4, lines 1-3; and page 5, lines 30-32 and page 6, lines 1-8 and lines 23-31, as well
15 as Figures 1 and 4) Contrary to what is taught by Fujiwara, Applicants’ enhanced graphical
16 icon actually displays an icon that shows the document at a particular location and illustrates
17 for the user exactly where to place the document at that location in order to obtain a proper
18 copy.

19 The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that independent Claim 1, as well as
20 independent Claims 6, 11 and 13 which require limitations similar to those in Claim 1, are not
21 anticipated by, nor obvious over, Fujiwara and are entitled to allowance along with dependent
22 claims 3-5; 8-10; 12; and 15-17 respectively.

1 **NEW INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 18-20 ARE ALLOWABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
2 **OFFICE ACTION.**

3 The Examiner has found that dependent claims 3, 8 and 15 are allowable when re-
4 written in independent form including any intervening claims. New claim 18 is old claim s 3, 2
5 and I rewritten in independent form and is thus allowable in accordance with the Office Action.

6 Likewise, new claims 19 and 20 are old claims 8, 7 and 6 and old claims 15, 14, and 13
7 respectively, rewritten in independent form and are thus allowable in accordance with the Office
8 Action.

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10 **CITED BUT NON-APPLIED REFERENCES**

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12 The subsidiary references have been reviewed but are submitted to be less relevant
13 than the relied upon references.

1 CONCLUSION

2 In light of the above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of
3 Claims 1,3-6,8-13, and 15-20. If the Examiner should feel that any issue remains as to the
4 allowability of these claims, or that a conference might expedite allowance of the claims, the
5 Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned attorney.

6 Applicants intend this to be a complete response. No fee is believed due; however if a
7 fee is due, please charge the deposit account number indicated on the transmittal letter.

8 Respectfully submitted,

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